14,514 kms. of which 286 kms. fall within the State of Gujarat.

(b) According to the report of IWT Committee (1970) the estimates of the capital cost per km in the case of railway (B.G.) is Rs. 8 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs in case of road (N.H. Single Lane) Rs. 1.5 lakhs to Rs. 4.5 lakhs and in the case of waterway—Rs. 1.25 lakhs to Rs. 2.00 lakhs.

(c) Government have already recognised the importance for development of inland water transport in the country particularly in those regions where it has natural advantages. The Plan allocations for development of inland water transport have, therefore, been enhanced substantially from the 6th Plan onward as compared to the earlier Plan periods.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The schemes included in the State Plan for development of Inland Water Transport in Gujarat include setting up of a hydrographic survey unit, development of terminal facilities and provision of interest subsidy to operators for purchase of inland craft. The amount provided is Rs. 650 lakhs in 7th Plan period. The State Government have reported that during 1985-86 and 1986-87, they have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 9 lakhs on these schemes.

(f) and (g) No, Sir.

Progress of "Operation Black Board"

261. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since evaluated the progress of 'Operation Black Board' for the year 1987-88; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) So far Central assistance amounting to Rs. 6540.85 lakhs for appointment of 20260 teachers and for provision of teaching learning equipment in 71074 primary schools in 890 blocks/municipal areas in 16 States/UT Administrations in the country has been sanctioned by the State Level Empowered Committees. Quaterly progress reports are expected from the State Governmnts for monitoring the progress of implementation of the scheme.

Railway Train as Museum

262. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration for converting the railway train which was used by Rabindra Nath Tagore in his last journey into a museum; and

(b) if so, what steps have since been taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. A decision was however taken to donate a single coach in which Gurudev made his last journey to be kept as an exhibit at Bolpur.

(b) The coach has been done up. A shed for housing the saloon at Bolpur has been constructed.

Vishwabharati University

263. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the cripling financial crisis of the Vishwabharati University; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have since been taken to resolve the crisis?